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Alabama

Evergreen, Ala., Courant
November 14, 1935

NEGROES IN THE COUNTY FAIR

"You ought to have been there—to the County Fair", which was held Thursday and Friday, November 7-8.

I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to the Lions Club, sponsors of the Conecuh County Fair, for giving the Negroes of the county an opportunity to participate. Especially do I wish to thank Lawyer Edwin C. Page for his interest.

Through the efforts and efficient direction of Captain Lewis and his men, the order during the fair was most admirable.

The Negroes of the county seemed very enthusiastic and appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the fair, as was demonstrated in the various exhibits in which they took part. Quite a few prizes were won by Negroes who, in every case, were very encouraged by same.

Rabb Community was the most outstanding Negro community represented. This community won first prize for the best school exhibit from Negro schools and first prize for the best farm booth exhibit.

Special appreciation is extended to Superintendent Marvin A. Hanks for allowing the seven Negro schools to participate in the parade Friday morning, at which time such a splendid exhibition was made by them.

Responsible for the music at the fair was the magnificent band of State Teachers College, headed by Professor Crawford. This majestic band kept in Evergreen a jovial atmosphere throughout the days of the fair. The music made an impression long to be remembered by Negro citizens of Evergreen, and brought inspiration to the hearts of the Negro children.

J. B. Jordan,

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Arkansas.

NEGRO FAIR VISITORS WILL WITNESS RODEO

Commercial Appeal
Exhibit Will Run Three Days

This Week

9-9-35

Milt Hinkle's Rodeo, which played at the Mid-South Fair last week, will be held over for the Negro Tri-State Fair to run Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Efforts are being made to make this the banner fair in the history of the Fair Association, Dr. L. G. Patterson, secretary, said. "Thirty thousand people are expected to pass through the gates."

The opening day will be Arkansas Day. A baby show will be staged at the Woman's Building. The show will be held purely from a health standpoint and not beauty.

Friday will be Tennessee Day and Children's Day. City and county negro schools will close on this day so that children may attend. Saturday will be Mississippi and Farmers' Day.

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California

GEORGE GARNER Child Exhibited GIVEN POST AT At San Diego Fair CALIFORNIA FAIR

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PASADENA, Cal., June 21.—George Garner, nationally known tenor, has been appointed chairman of all Race entertainment to be presented in connection with the California Pacific International exposition now in progress in San Diego. *6-22-35*

The appointment came as a result of the successful appearance at the fair of a chorus of 150 voices under his direction and was made by Harold W. Roberts, executive manager of the exposition. Mr. Garner is a Chicagoan.

Plans announced shortly after his appointment by Mr. Garner for the participation of the Race in the exposition included the presentation of Madame Florence Cole Talbert, soprano; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of Bethune Cookman college at Daytona Beach, Fla., and 1935 Spingarn medalist, and Jeanette Triplet Jones, president of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Mr. Garner has also been placed in charge of the activities for Negro Day to be celebrated August 24. For this occasion governors have been asked to send outstanding Race citizens to represent their state and participate in the day's program.

Assisting the new chairman will be Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Minnie Allbritton, Mrs. Freita Shaw and D. V. Allen.

25th Infantry Band *Black Dispatch* At San Diego Fair *9-21-35*

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Sept. 19.—(ANP).—One of the main features of the Pacific Exposition here this week was a series of programs rendered by the band of the Twenty-fifth Infantry regiment of the United States Army, which is located at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

The band, which is classified as one of the leading military bands of the country, arrived here Tuesday, under the command of Warrant Officer Wade H. Hammond, and composed of forty-one pieces.

LEESBURG, Ga., Nov. 26.—Elijah Williams, his wife, Emma Williams, and five children, colored, returned here Monday. Williams and his wife, are parents of Bettie, the four-year-old four-armed, four-legged girl. The family has been for the past six months at the San Diego, Cal. fair, where they exhibited Bettie as a midway attraction. Bettie was also an exhibit at the Chicago World's fair, where it is said Williams made enough money to buy an excellent farm in Lee county. The father stated business was quiet at the San Diego fair and that the family would probably be in Lee county for some time. Their home is in Red Bone, seven miles east of Leesburg. Bettie was born in Baker county and has visited many points of the United States.

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Florida.

Kissimmee, Fla., Gazette
May 16, 1935

Negro Fair Held Here Was Success

The members of the new Farmers of Florida chapter sponsored a county-wide fair which included the exhibition of live stock, truck crops, fruit crops, home economic production and handcraft work.

This was the biggest thing ever sponsored by the negroes of Osceola county. Hundreds of visitors, both white and colored, witnessed over three hundred exhibits put on by all the schools in Osceola county. Prof. Lamar Forte, who is principal and teacher of vocational agriculture for Osceola county, is highly commended for the exhibition of such fine work, which has been under his supervision administration for only eight months.

During the day of the fair there were horse shoe, tennis, croquet and many other interesting games played by both students and teachers.

Kissimmee high school defeated Narcossee high school in a baseball game, 12-0. The fair was closed with an agriculture minstrel, presented by the vocational boys.

This was the boys' first annual county fair. It is predicted that within a few years Kissimmee will have the greatest vocational agriculture school in the state of Florida.

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NEGRO FARMERS POULTRY SHOW.

First of its kind in County held at Monticeth.

By James H. Dye.

The community fair at the one hundred year old Oak Grove church at Monticeth Community, was the most interesting the writer has ever witnessed. Here in this ancient little community live a progressive people. Their spirit of progressiveness is exhibited by their neat flower bordered homes, well kept fields, and the diversity of products exhibited at the fair.

There were canned products in glass jars and tins, ranging from peaches to vegetable mixtures. Other exhibits from the gardens and fields were a cross section of farm products grown in the community.

In the poultry section young club members vied with their elders in exhibiting hens of Barred Rocks improved by breeding purebred Cockerels on the local stock. This type of exhibit was the first of its kind to be staged by Negro farmers

in Chatham county. No less interesting was the needle

work and handicraft attractively draped about the room and the timely mottoes exhorting the citizenry to "Be thrifty with the hand as well as the head, etc."

The fair was a success and much credit is due Mr. B. S. Adams, farm county agent, and Mrs. M. H. Jones, the county home demonstration agent.

Among the visitors present were F. Marcellus Staley, teacher-trainer and twelve eager boys and interested "Ag" seniors from the Georgia State College. B. F. Hubert, of Georgia State College who delivered the principal address; the college male quartette which furnished appropriate music; and Mr. Arthur Garmen, poultry specialist, University of Georgia, Athens, who spoke on the topic, "The Care, disease and feeding of poultry."

Two of the students, Ridley Stripling and James H. Dye, gave an interesting demonstration on poultry judging.

Mr. B. S. Adams and Mrs. M. M. Jones were highly pleased at the success of this their first Monticeth Community fair and they heartily thanked the Rev. Mr. Canty, Prof. Staley and the "Ag" seniors for their contribution toward the fair's success.

Other persons contributing were members of the various committees that functioned so well: Project Committee, Fred Steele, chairman; Mary Walden, Isaac Steele; arrangement, Sam Steele, chairman; Mary Brown, Lizzie Steele, Mary Walden, Fred Steele.

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Calhoun, Ga., Times
September 26, 1935

COLORED PEOPLE DISCUSS FALL FAIR

Negroes of Curryville Meet
to Plan County Fair—
Much Interest Taken

By T. J. GRAHAM, County Agent
Last Monday night the colored people of Curryville met and discussed the fair they are expecting to put on this fall. There is quite a bit of interest in this fair and it will be one of the best ever exhibited in this county. They have been making preparations all the year and everyone is taking an interest and an active part. Anyone who is helping to promote this event will be proud of the results of his efforts.

There will be a county-wide meeting next Monday night, September 30, for the purpose of discussing and planning the details of the big fair.

These colored people are interested in their work and should they ask for your support, don't turn thumbs down on them; give them a lift that will be inspiring and helpful.

They have real community spirit and this is one way of showing what it means to co-operate in a community and county way.

NEGRO FARMERS PLAN THREE FAIRS

QUITMAN, Ga., Oct. 12.—Negro farmers in Brooks, Lowndes and Thomas counties are planning for their first annual fairs. One in each county, on the following dates: Thomasville, October 28 through November 1; Quitman, November 4-8; Valdosta, November 11-15.

James Stevens is farm agent for the three counties and is working to organize the fairs. Each county is expected to raise \$100 for expenses. The exhibits are very creditable and include cured meats and all farm products, livestock, poultry, canned foods and women's work.

September 27, 1935

Prominent Colored Speakers Secured

Annie Mae Hall, who will have charge of the program on Negro Day at the Baker County Fair, which will be Saturday, October 12th, announced that she has secured the promise of prominent colored speakers to come here on this occasion and address the colored people of Baker County.

Prof. W. R. King, Agricultural Agent for Dougherty, Lee and Terrell Counties, is among those who have accepted the invitation to speak. Also Rev. A. R. Cooper, A. M., B. D., D. D., of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, who will deliver an address on Education.

Among the amusement events planned are Apple and Water Races. Poems by Negro poets, Tap and Buck Dancing and other interesting features.

Don't forget the time and place. Colored people are urged to come on time and show their appreciation.

ANNIE MAE HALL, Newton, Ga., In Charge
Quitman, Ga., Free Press
October 10, 1935

Colored Farmers To Hold Exhibit Premiums Solicited For Colored Fair

A series of fairs have been planned by the colored farmers of Brooks, Lowndes and Thomas counties.

Thomas county's exhibit will be held October 28-November 1, on West Jackson street in front of Dockett's Drug Store. In the fair will be held in the old Brooks County Exchange building, starting November 4 and ending November 8. In Valdosta, November 11-15, the Lowndes County negroes will hold their exhibit in the B. B. Saunders Tobacco Warehouse in connection with the Valdosta Fair.

Each county has been asked to raise one hundred dollars and the premium list will be announced in next week's paper. This is the fourth annual fair and the exhibits are all

ways most creditable, featuring live stock, poultry, farm products, needle work, canned products and the like.

Arrangements are in charge of J. B. Stevens, negro county farm agent. revelation to the people of Bainbridge and Decatur County.

These demonstrators are leaving nothing undone to see that the colored people making these exhibits are well represented this year, and from past experience the management knows that they will have exhibits at the fair that will be worthwhile. We welcome them and know the showing will be remarkable.

Bainbridge, Ga., Post-Searchlight
October 10, 1935

Colored People Take Great Interest In Coming Fair

The management has never before seen such interest as is being taken by the Colored People in exhibits at the fair this year.

The 4-H Colored Clubs in charge of Lillian E. Williams, and the Farmers Exhibits, in charge of W. A. Miles, County Demonstrator for the Colored People, will be a

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October 10, 1935

leave them with Mr. Graham or Mr. Fox.

ARTHUR HUNT, President, and Committee.
Quitman, Ga., Free Press
October 24, 1935

Many Negroes Exhibit Lowndes County Fair

A large area of floor space has been set aside for negro farmers at the South Georgia Legion Fair to be held in Valdosta November 11-16. Negro farmers of Brooks, Lowndes and Thomas counties will be given every opportunity to properly display their farm products during the fair, and attractive prizes are offered them.

Quitman, Ga., Free Press
October 24, 1935

Colored Fair To Be Held November 4-9

The following are the prizes offered for the exhibits of the colored Brooks County Fair to be held November 4-9:

First and Second prizes are offered for the following:

Best 10 pieces home cured meat.

Home cured ham
Home cured shoulder
Home cured side

50 ears corn
peck Spanish peanuts
10 stalks green cane
10 stalks red cane
Bale hay
peck sweet potatoes
gallon syrup
4 H Club corn

POULTRY

Barred Rocks
Rhode Island Reds
Brown Leghorns
White Leghorns
Ducks
Turkeys, old
Turkeys, young

HOGS

Best pen fat hogs—three
Best male or female

Best bull

CAN FOODS

Best can fruits, 6 or more
canned vegetable
jam
pickles
jelly

NEEDLE WORK

Best quilt
spread
Needlework
Best sand table and posters, first prize.

NEGRO FARM PRODUCTS DISPLAYED IN THOMAS

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Oct. 31.—Farm products grown by the negro farmers of Thomas county, their wives and families are being exhibited here. The display includes poultry, home-cured meats, canned fruits of various kinds, preserves, jellies, jams and other farm produce and needlework of various kinds.

The exhibit is staged each year and attracts many visitors among both negro and white citizens. Prizes for the best displays in the various groups are given, being donated by Thomasville merchants and businessmen.

Thomasville, Ga., News-Banner
November 28, 1935

CREDITABLE EXHIBITS AT COUNTY'S COLORED 4-H AND SCHOOL FAIR

A large crowd attended the 4-H Club and School Fair for Colored people conducted here last Friday, and exhibits were described as 'numerous and highly creditable.'

The principal address before the gathering of colored boys, girls, men and women of the county was made by B. F. Hubert, president of the Georgia State Industrial College.

Among the local citizens who spoke were C. C. Padgett, L. C. Walker and R. G. Vinson.

Mrs. W. L. Veal, Mrs. Tommy Williams and Mrs. R. G. Vinson attended the fair and offered encouragement to the Colored boys and girls in their club work.

Calhoun, Ga., Times
November 28, 1935

County Colored Fair Group Thanks Those Who Donated Prizes

We want to thank all those who contributed in any way to the success of the Gordon County Colored Peoples' Fair, which was held in Calhoun on October 18 and 19. We especially want to thank Mr. Graham, our county agent, for organizing our boys and girls 4-H clubs and encouraging them on farm and other industrial work throughout the county. We also thank the mayor and council for use of the gym where we had our exhibits.

We desire to extend our thanks to the following persons for contributing to prizes for our exhibits:

Cash contributions: Mr. T. J. Graham, \$5; Mr. George Fox, county commissioner, \$10; Johnson Hardware Company, \$1; Miller Brothers, \$2.50; Calhoun National Bank, \$3; Mr. S. G. King, \$1.

Donations in merchandise were made by the following: Moss Gin Co., L. Moss Music Co., W. L. White, Mr. Raymond King, Atlanta, Ga.; King Norton, Starr Furniture Company, Lay 10c Co., Evans & Fite, Phillips & Johnson, Calhoun Hardware Co., J. M. Wright & Co., A. R. McDaniel & Co., Haney's Department Store, A. & P. Store, Mount Alto Bed-Spread Co., Holland Drug Co., Robinson's Warehouse, Brownlee Warehouse Co., Orr Drug Co., Fain Jewelry Co., Dr. W. G. Cutts, Roff Novelty Store, Hunt Gin Co., Red Bud; J. S. Robinson, Belwood.

We also thank the Calhoun Woman's Club for aiding in the women's department.

The judges were T. W. Harbin, Dr. W. G. Cutts and Rev. J. H. Wyatt.

The 4-H club and community exhibits were judged by members, and the judging was entirely satisfactory.

The money and value of other prizes contributed amounted to something like \$100.

We were very sorry that our farmers took such little interest in this effort. This is the only method that will keep the farmers interested in growing produce for the market.

We have planned to have a premium book for our next fair in 1936. We will be grateful for all contributions for prizes for next year's exhibits. We didn't get around to all who prom-

ised premiums this time, but we thank you just the same.

Your committee,

JESSIE MANN, Curryville;
MATT DENMON, Red Bud;
JASPER HUNT, Calhoun;
R. U. VARNER, Belwood;
A. H. HUNT, Calhoun.

RACE TO HAVE NOTABLE PART IN CENTENNIAL

Texas Sets Aside Huge Sum For Race History

GONZALES, Tex., Nov. 15—Inauguration of the Texas Centennial, officially marked by a period of celebration throughout the state, holds special significance for members of the Race.

The firing of the first shot in Texas' war for independence, which ultimately was to result in the extension of the boundaries of the United States to the Pacific Ocean, is being commemorated by a series of celebrations, which began on November 5 in Gonzales, the scene of the opening event of the war with Mexico. Here, 100 years ago a band of pioneers and farmers took up arms in defiance of the Mexican government's efforts to deprive the Texans of their Republican constitution.

Among the historic cities participating in the state wide program are San Antonio, Houston, and Dallas, where the state and federal governments are cooperating in the development of a great exposition to climax the centennial year.

In June, when President Roosevelt will be in Dallas for the official opening of the Texas Centennial Exposition, the Race will be given recognition in a World's Fair for the first time; \$50,000 has been set aside for the erection of a Negro life building. Herein a dramatic display will depict the history of the American Race man, showing the part the Race has played in the economic development of the south from the time of his coming as an unwilling prisoner from Africa until the present day.

Negro activities in the exposition are being sponsored by the Texas Negro Centennial Commission, composed of leading Race educators and business men in Texas. Many of the wealthier members of the Race in Texas have shared in a subscription of exposition bonds, sold under the sponsorship of the Race commission.

Augusta, Ga. Herald

November 17, 1935
COLORED CITIZENS HAVE DAY

AT EXCHANGE CLUB'S FAIR

With several thousand attending, Tuesday was Colored People's Day at the Augusta Exchange Club's annual fair. The fair this year was one of the most complete ever held by the Exchange Club. President R. L. Sumerau of the club and general manager of the fair this year and other leaders of the organization, felt that the local colored population should witness it. Complimentary tickets were distributed to the school children, public and private schools, and sections of South Carolina, with all rides on the midway priced to them at half price. The board of education granting a half holiday for the event, had the schools turn out at 12 o'clock, in order to observe "Children's Day".

The carry over of the fair for an extra day for colored citizens, was regarded as a compliment, at extra expense, and while several thousand visited the grounds during the afternoon and night, the general attendance was a little below expectation. It was pointed out, however, that this was due to insufficient time for advertisement, coupled with threatening weather. But on the whole, those who took in the fair seemed to enjoy themselves very much, and all had a fine time, and at no time was there the least semblance of disorder.

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Hopkinsville, Ky., New Era
October 28, 1935

COLORED FAIR IS WELL ATTENDED

Estimate of 3,000 Persons
in Two Days; Number of
Speakers are Heard

The Christian County school fair, assisted by Attucks High School and county farmers, at the loose floor at Second and Virginia Street, was the largest affair of its kind since the days of the Hopkinsville fair. On Friday afternoon Professors G. R. McCoy, superintendent of county schools, Gladstone Koffman, superintendent of city schools, and Dr. D. H. Anderson, president of W. K. I. C., Paducah, were speakers on the educators' program. Each delivered addresses.

On Saturday, Dr. E. M. Norris, head of Department of Agriculture, K. S. I. C., Frankfort, A. C. Bennett, head of Extension of Agriculture, U. of Ky., Lexington, and Mrs. Frances Flemings, home demonstrator of Christian County, gave addresses on Farm and Home Life, which were freely applauded during each address.

There were 2 booths, each receiving prizes on some phase of work. The greatest tasks of the judges were in the canning, tobacco, chicken and quilt, free hand drawing and art departments. There were 48 quilts, ranging from the days before the Civil War down to 1934. Attucks High School's departments of Home Economics and Manual Training, were exceptionally good.

The Red Cross booth was awarded the blue ribbon as the most beautiful booth.

Chopped Hickory as both showing its true picture, the work of the county children, was of such as to cause much comment from the more than 3,000 persons, white and colored, who attended.

Supervisor Copeland and Farm Agent Story are to be congratulated in announcing that the third

week in October, 1936, a much larger demonstration will be had. The committee is grateful to every teacher, parent, farmer and child who helped make the fair a success, the sponsors stated.

Kentucky

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Tuscaloosa City, Miss. Herald
April 12, 1935

Negroes Will Hold Community Fairs

Eight Community Fairs to Be
Held in County This
Year

As related by D. W. Lindsey, negro county agent, there will be at least eight community fairs conducted in this county during the late summer and early fall.

Realizing that organization and arrangements should be perfected early in the year so plans can be made in advance of the crop season for creditable exhibits, several communities have been organized for their fairs, which are composed of the following departments: Livestock and Poultry, Farm Crops, Home Department, Fruits and Vegetables, Schools and Boys's 4-H Clubs.

These fairs can do much in the development of better crops and livestock, as well as furnish good wholesome amusement and recreation for rural people, giving them ample opportunity for participation and expression.

Mississippi

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Mississippi.

Negro Fair Opens
JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 21. — The
ninth annual Mississippi negro state
fair opened today. Featuring the
opening was a parade through the
business district.
Raymond, Corlette
October 21, 1935

NEGRO GIVEN PART IN FAIR

**\$50,000.00 Structure
for Exhibit**

The history of the American Negro, from the time of his coming as an unwilling prisoner from Africa to be sold into slavery, through the part he played in the economic development of the South, until today, will be depicted in the Negro Life Building in the Texas Centennial Exposition.

From \$1,200,000 Federal funds allocated to the Exposition, \$50,000 has been set aside for the Negro Building.

Negro activities in the Exposition are being sponsored by the Texas Negro Centennial Commission, composed of leading educators and business men of the race in Texas.

Under sponsorship of the Negro commission, bonds of the Exposition have been sold to wealthier members of the race in Texas. This is the first time that the Negro has been given official recognition in a World's Fair.

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Annual Negro Fair To Be Held In September

Negro leaders of this section yesterday decided to conduct their 22nd annual Buncombe county district fair at Oates park fairgrounds September 16-21, E. W. Pearson, secretary-manager, said.

Pearson announced that he plans to visit 10 Western North Carolina counties to arouse interest in the event. Canning and corn clubs are being organized among the negroes with a view to obtaining excellent exhibits for the fair booths.

Greensboro, N. C., News

November 10, 1935

NEGRO GROUP HOLDS FAIR AT LAURINBURG

Agriculture Teachers From Five
Counties Meet—Dr. Spauld-
ing Is Speaker.

(Special to Daily News)

Laurinburg, Nov. 15.—Negro teachers of vocational agriculture in five counties met at the Laurinburg institute Friday for their second group meeting and to take part in the institute's community fair. Counties from which they came were Bladen, Columbus, Robeson, Anson and Scotland.

Dr. M. F. Spaulding, dean of the school of agriculture at A. and T. college, Greensboro, was in charge of the judging and made the annual address.

Prof. George Crenshaw's educational exhibit from the Farmers Union school in Columbus county was awarded the first place. It showed how a farmer had increased his corn production from 19 to 49 bushels per acre. Prof. R. B. Dean, of the Robeson County Training school at Maxton, was given a first place for having the most attractive exhibit. Prof. J. D. Wray, agriculture teacher in the Laurinburg school, was awarded another first place for having on display the widest variety of fall grown vegetables.

As a whole, the exhibits put on by all the teachers were much improved over those of last year, S. B. Simmons, of Greensboro, supervisor of agriculture in the negro schools, stated.

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York, S. C. Enquirer

October 1, 1935

COLORED PEOPLE MAKING PLANS FOR ANNUAL FAIR IN YORKVILLE

York county colored people are going ahead with plans for the annual York County Colored Fair along lines which will attract the interest of colored folks in counties adjoining as well as here according to Tom Burt, colored painter, who has for a number of years been one of the leading spirits in the fair movement for the colored folks.

The fair is scheduled to open on November 22, at the fair grounds at Friendly Aid hall in Yorkville; and agricultural, industrial, domestic and educational exhibits will include those not only offered by colored people of the county, but from Cherokee and Spartanburg and probably other counties, Burt said yesterday.

There will be a carnival on the midway; but the purpose of the promoters and colored educational leaders of York county is to offer such a large and varied exhibit of the industrial progress of the negro race that the carnival attractions will not hold major interest. The colored fair is not only to be bigger and better, but broader, taking in more territory, say the colored folks.

Officers of the York County Colored Fair association are: Jeff Williams, president; Louis Wright, secretary; Tom White, treasurer.

York, S. C. Enquirer

October 1, 1935

COLORED FOLKS ARE BUSY MAKING PLANS FOR FAIR

Smith's Great Atlantic Shows will be the carnival attraction for the annual York County Colored Fair which is scheduled to get under way in Yorkville beginning October 21 and continuing thru October 26, according to L. A. Wright, secretary of the fair association. The carnival is described as a good, clean outfit with varied and new attractions for the midway.

"We expect to have the biggest and best fair this fall that we have ever had," says Jeff Williams, president of the Fair Association. Williams is asking his people to bring exhibits in household and home economics, agriculture, poultry, etc., and select booths at Friendly Aid Hall before

Monday, October 21 and have them decorated not later than Monday evening, October 21.

It is stated that colored people from counties other than York, will participate in this year's fair with exhibits of their handiwork.

LEADER

Columbia, S. C.
OCT 26 1935

THE STATE COLORED FAIR.

Next week, the doors of the State Colored Fair will again open. The officers have been working energetically to the end that the coming Fair will be the best in its history. It must be kept in mind, however, that officers can work ever so hard, yet they cannot make a fair; the people must do that. Of course, everyone knows that the fair can be better, bigger and more representative of the activities and accomplishments of the colored citizens. That is a criticism often heard, but if the critics would put as much energy in trying to help as they do in criticising, they would soon see the kind of fair they talk about and which should be. It is hoped that all progressive citizens will send in exhibits; show what you are doing and can do. It is worthwhile.

South Carolina.

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South Carolina.

Sumter, S. C. Item
September 2, 1935

Negro County Fair

From all four corners they will come from fifty miles around to the Sumter County Colored Fair on October 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. All your friends from far and near will be here to see the greatest Fair of them all.

Good shows, crowds, thrills, sights, music, big displays, big days, and bigger nights. An exceptionally interesting program for the entire period of the big Fair. Superb agricultural exhibits including hogs, cattle, corn and many other farm crops. The 4-H club boys' corn exhibit will be of interest to all; also city and county school exhibits, city federated club exhibits, home demonstration and 4-H club girls' exhibits. You can not afford to miss the two big football games. Watch for further announcements. Meet old friends here and make new ones. Bring the whole family.

All persons planning to exhibit are asked to bring their articles Monday, October 7 at 9 a. m.

Spartanburg, S. C. Journal
October 12, 1935

AWARDS GIVEN

NEGROES HERE

Colored People Enter Splendid Exhibits

Prizes for negro exhibits—commendable for both quality and arrangement at the county fair—have been awarded.

The Fairforest community received first award for its booth, Whitney second, Cherokee Springs third, Inman fourth and Wellford fifth.

B. C. Cunningham of the Reidville section received first award for an individual farm display, J. C. Gist of Inman second and C. B. Broadus, Inman route 3, third.

The Cummings street school received first prize for a school booth and Cowpens junior high second.

The Lutheran grammar school was given first award among grammar schools displaying exhibits and the Whitney grammar school was

given second award.

Other booths in this department of the fair include a booth of the county health department and a Red Cross section.

Winners of awards in the women's department of the negro division of the Spartanburg county fair were announced.

Elvira A. Clinkscales is superintendent and Eunice N. Harris is assistant superintendent.

Beautiful displays of quilts and fancy work are features of exhibit.

Awards were as follows: Della James, Inman route 1, fine French embroidery, first; silk embroidery, second; applique, first; wool quilt, second; French embroidery, fine, second; cut work, first; French knots, first; M. J. Ballenger, Wellford, French embroidery coarse, second; Gustav Smith, Spartanburg, colored embroidery fine, first; pieced quilt, first; cotton coarse, second; Annie B. Jones, Chesnee, colored embroidery, fine, second; Della James, Inman route 1, colored embroidery coarse, first; laid work, first; Masie Brewton, Spartanburg, colored embroidery, coarse, second; applique, second; Willie Lytle, Inman route 1, silk embroidery, first; laid work, second; Jessie Herndon, Spartanburg, embroidered luncheon set, first; cut work, second; Clara James, Inman route 1, embroidered luncheon set, second; Fannie D Young, Spartanburg, colored embroidered bed set, first; Ruth Berry, Spartanburg route 3, colored embroidered bed set, second; Bertha Lou Mack, Greer route 2, French knots, second; Myrtle Littlejohn, Chesnee route 1, cross stitch, first; Eunice Smith, Wellford route 1, cross stitch, second; Lois Holland, Spartanburg, bed spread, crochet, first; Wealthy Farr, Spartanburg, crochet, bed spread, second; crochet luncheon set, first; crochet wool beret, second; Grace Ruff, Spartanburg, crochet luncheon set, second; knitted dress, second; Nellie Patterson, Spartanburg, filet, fine, first; pieced quilt, second; Nellie Fowler, filet crochet, fine, second; crochet fine, second; Texanna Todd, Spartanburg, crochet, fine, first; Rosa Lee Smith, Tupau, crochet coarse, first; quilting, first; Eva Freeman, Chesnee route 1, wool beret, first; Myra Lee Foster, Inman route 2, socks, first; Anna Lee Foster, Inman route 2, socks, second; Electra Waddell, Chesnee route 1, wool beret, first; Myra Lee Foster, Inman route 2, socks, first; Anna Lee Foster, Inman route 2, socks, second; Electra Waddell, Chesnee, pieced wool suit, second; Alice Thompson, Chesnee route 3, quilting, second; Cora Tucker, crochet, rug, first; Minnie Tanner, Wellford, rug, crochet, second; Medora Fowler, Chesnee route

2, hand made garment, first; Annie Mae Brewton, Moore route 1, hand made garment, second; Beatrice Crumlin, Spartanburg, machine made dress, first; Selina Crawford, Spartanburg route 3, machine made dress, second; Lula Bowman, Spartanburg, work shirt, first and second; Lucile Rice, Roebuck route 1, kitchen display, second; Katie Price, Spartanburg, worth-while article not listed, second; Arthur Jackson, Spartanburg, worth-while article not listed, a chest made from soft drink tops, first; Pearl James, Inman route 1, colored embroidery, first; crochet, coarse, second; apron, first; Ethree Berry, Spartanburg route 3, colored embroidery, second; Verna Sumner, Spartanburg route 3, crochet, fine, second; Emily Harris, Spartanburg, machine made garment, first; Gustav Smith, Spartanburg, colored embroidery fine, first; pieced quilt, machine made garment, second; Parise Bowman, Spartanburg, apron, second; Mamie Young, Spartanburg, pieced quilt, first; Janie Foster, Inman route 2, pieced quilt, second.

Race Ranks High In Big County Fair

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Nov. 8.—Prizes for Race exhibits, commendable for both quality and arrangement at the county fair here, have been awarded. The Fairforest community received first award for its booth, Whitney second, Cherokee Springs third, Inman fourth and Wellford fifth.

Winners of awards in the women's department of the Race division of the fair were announced. Beautiful displays of quilts and fancy work were features of the exhibit.

The following won awards: Della James, Nettie Wilburn, M. J. Ballenger, Annie B. Jones, Willie Lytle, Jesse Herndon, Clara James, Ruth Berry, Bertha Lo Mack, Fannie D. Young, Myrtle Littlejohn, Eunice Smith, Lois Holland, Grace Ruff, Nellie Patterson, Nellie Fowler, Texanna Todd, Rosa Lee Smith, Eva Freeman, Myra Lee Foster, Electra Waddell, Annie Lee Foster, Cora Tucker, Alica Johnson, Minnie Tanner, Medora Fowler, Annie Mae Brewton, Beatrice Crumlin, Selina Crawford, Lula Bowman, Lucille Rice, Katie Price, Arthur Jackson, Pearl James, Ethree Berry, Verna Sumner, Emily Harris, Tomasina Harris, Parise Bowman, Mamie Young and Janie Foster.

Columbia, S. C. State
November 2, 1935

NEGRO STATE FAIR HAS BIG CROWD

Ten Thousand Pass Through Gates on Closing Day.

The South Carolina State Negro fair passed 3,500 rural school students and 6,000 others Friday, high school day to end the exposition with two substantial days assured and an attendance for the Thursday and Friday surpassing previous records and closing the 31st annual event with a surprising success.

President A. J. Collins and Secretary J. E. Dixon are enthusiastically encouraged with results and have already begun booking attractions for next year's exposition. They expressed themselves as confident that they have two substantial days built and now have plans to add another big day for next year.

Far past 10 o'clock Friday night and the turnstiles were clicking the huge throngs in. The midway became a veritable bee-hive. What looked like a failure at the beginning of the week turned out to be the best attendance in the last decade. Interest and enthusiasm was beyond the expectation of the officials.

At the high school game a crowd of 5,000 rabid fans saw a high school football game that will be the talk of the state the rest of the season held Wednesday. Booker Washington high, who romped at will over the average high school teams of the state, found stubborn resistance from the Avery institute gridiron warriors of Charleston.

Three thousand five hundred rural children of Richland county schools were on the grounds. Added to this were 2,000 other students of the Columbia schools who saw the locals in action.

Thursday was better than last year, the Claflin-Allen game became the Bulldogs will meet the Florida State big college attraction and brought through the gates a record attendance for Thursday. This game, played for the second time as the annual college athletes attraction of the fair, may pack them in if this game is played again. Coach "Bill" Bell Panthers were put on their mettle to keep the Yellow Jackets sting from being effective.

President Collins has been given new powers and promises with his staff to make the state fair for Negroes second to none. The outlook was never brighter he said last night after the count in attendance.

They are out to bring into the state the cream of each county's fair that is held in the state. Co-operation will be the watch word hereafter, stated further.

Premiums will be paid in full this year Saturday morning. Exhibits will be removed and a final report to the executive board will be made that, according to present indications, has not been surpassed in recent years. A reorganized enlarged and strengthened fair is promised by the present president, who now enters his eighth year as head of the association.

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Columbia, S. C. State
October 22, 1935

ORANGEBURG FAIR WILL OPEN TODAY

Annual Exposition for Negroes Gets Under Way.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

S. C. State Plays Florida State Eleven in Feature Friday Afternoon.

BY J. D. McGHEE.
Orangeburg, Oct. 28.—The Orangeburg County Negro fair will begin here Tuesday and continue through Friday, November 1, with exhibits, and attractive midway carnival and many new features, according to Secretary W. C. Lewis and President George Daniels.

Sale of tickets by contestants for the queen of the fair has been going on for several weeks. This contest promises to be a leading feature of the exposition aside from the many other regular items that have been placed on the big four-day program. The crowning of the queen will be the talk of the season held Wednesday. Preceding the crowning, there will be a parade of the contestants.

Dan Lewis, director of the South Carolina boys' club, will address the 4-H club representatives Wednesday afternoon. Fireworks daily will add to the glamor and thrills of the annual event.

The football attraction for this year will bring together two of the strongest teams in the Southern conference. The South Carolina State Bulldogs will meet the Florida State Rattlers on big Friday on the Fair ground field. This game has been designated the peak game of the season and is expected to attract the largest fair attendance in the history of the exposition.

Spectators will see the fastest backfield runner in the Southern conference when they gaze upon the famous Everett of Florida State, who ran last year 105 yards for a touchdown. Collier, the Ohio flash at South Carolina State, is expected to shine in this fair classic.

County fair several years ago purchased a large tract of land near the city limits at Orangeburg and have since been holding the annual county fair on their own grounds.

The program is as follows: Tuesday, October 29: 7 p. m., gates open; 7:30 p. m., midway opens, Golden Valley shows; 8 p. m., free executive board will be made that, according to present indications, has not been surpassed in recent years. A reorganized enlarged and strengthened fair is promised by the present president, who now enters his eighth year as head of the association.

Wednesday, October 30, Children's Day (All children from any county are admitted free): 9 a. m., gates open; 10 a. m., acceptance of parade and crowning fair queen; 11 a. m., a talk to the boys and girls' clubs by Dan Lewis, state club leader, Clemson college; 2 p. m., football game, Dunton high vs. Elloree high; 7:30 p. m., free act; 8 p. m., fireworks.

Thursday, October 31, Farmer's Day: 9 a. m., gates open; 10 a. m., midway opens, Golden Valley shows; 11 a. m., free act; 12:30 p. m., J. R. Hawkins of Clemson college, extension animal husbandman, will give demonstrations in hog killing, cutting and methods of curing; 7:30 p. m., free act; 9 p. m., fireworks.

Friday, November 1, College Day: 9 a. m., gates open; 10 a. m., midway opens, Golden Valley shows; 11 a. m., free act; 12:30 p. m., football, A. and M. College of South Carolina vs. the A. and M. College of Florida; 7 p. m., free act; 8 p. m., fireworks.

Spartanburg, S. C., ~~Friday~~

November 1, 1933

COWPENS NEGRO FAIR TO CONTINUE TODAY

The Cowpens negro community fair which opened yesterday at the school will continue through tonight, S. D. Brown, director, announced yesterday.

Features today and this evening include a boxing tournament and wrestling match, races, games and other attractions.

Refreshments are being provided and the exhibits are said to be large, varied and interesting.

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Negro Schools Fair

M'KENZIE, Tenn., Aug. 2.—The tenth annual educational fair for the negro schools of Carroll County will be held at the Webb School here on Saturday. Industrial exhibits that will be composed of the four best projects from each school will be arranged Friday. The formal opening will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning and is expected to bring approximately 500 visitors.

Negro Community Fair

Home-made shoes, quilts, canned meats and vegetables were displayed yesterday at the negro exhibit and fair at the Millton Community House on Jamboree. Many delegates to the Tennessee Conference of Social Work at the Peabody viewed the exhibits.

Murfreesboro Will Stage First Negro Fair Since '31

MURFREESBORO, Tenn., Aug. 21.—(Spl) —Murfreesboro's first negro fair since 1931, will be held September 12-13-14, it has been announced.

The fair will be held day and night, with the Mohawk Valley last week's Mid-South Fair. Shows supplying the carnival attractions. Exhibits of farm and garden products, handiwork and culinary will be featured.

The fair will be held at the negro fair grounds behind Holloway high school. Officers of the association are Preston Scales, president, and Dr. James R. Patterson, secretary.

Knoxville, Tenn., Journal
September 4, 1935

City's Negro Fair

Lures Large Crowd

Knoxville's Negro population this week is celebrating what approximates fair week, calling it "Gala Week," at Leslie street park.

With permission of city council, the Blue Ribbon Shows midway will operate in the park all week.

In addition to other entertainment, 25 girls have entered a popularity contest which will be settled Saturday night.

A percentage of all receipts goes to the Knoxville Welfare association, sponsoring the carnival activities.

It was estimated last night that 7,500 persons have attended since the show opened Monday night.

NEGRO FARMERS SEND PRIZE CROPS TO FAIR

Commercial Appeal
Exposition Begins Thursday and Lasts Three Days
9-11-35

Negro farmers of the Memphis territory are sending in the pick of their crops for the annual Negro Tri-State Fair at the Fair Grounds Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Prize beef cattle, cows, swine and poultry will reveal the trend toward diversification; housewives will display handicrafts, arts, canned and preserved foods to show how to live-at-home, according to Secretary Patterson of the fair.

Besides exhibits, lectures on better farming, home economics and health will be given in the Woman's Building. Milt Hinkle and his cowboys and cowgirls will repeat the rodeo that thrilled crowds at Friday, Children's Day, will be observed by a holiday in city and county negro schools.

Memphis, Tenn., Commercial Appeal
September 12, 1935

NEGRO FAIR VISITORS WILL WITNESS RODEO

Exhibit Will Run Three Days This Week

Milt Hinkle's Rodeo, which played at the Mid-South Fair last week, will be held over for the Negro Tri-State Fair to run Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"Efforts are being made to make this the banner fair in the history of the Fair Association," Dr. L. G. Patterson, secretary, said. "Thirty thousand people are expected to pass through the gates."

The opening day will be Arkansas Day. A baby show will be staged at the Woman's Building. The show will be held purely from a health standpoint and not beauty.

Friday will be Tennessee Day and Children's Day. City and county negro schools will close on this day so that children may attend. Saturday will be Mississippi and Farmers' Day.

MEMPHIS, TENN. COMMERCIAL APPEAL

SEP 11 1935

The Negro Fair

The negro Mid-South Fair will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Saturday morning 2500 employees of Fisher Body Co. will attend in a body. Other employers should make it easy for their negro employees or servants to attend this fair.

It is educational, a good influence and should be encouraged.

When we take half the interest in the welfare of the negro people as a whole that we take in the welfare of the individual negro who works for us as a servant or personal employee, we will have fewer excuses to make for our health and homicide records.

Memphis, Tenn., Commercial Appeal
September 12, 1935

2,000 ATTEND OPENING OF NEGRO EXPOSITION

Booker T. Washington High Wins City Prize

TODAY FOR CHILDREN

Exhibits Noteworthy — Rodeo and Baby Show Part of Features—Patterson Lauds Display

Booker T. Washington high school won first place for city high school exhibits at the 25th annual negro Tri-States Fair which opened yesterday at the Mid-South Fair Grounds. Yesterday's attendance was more than 2,000 as compared with 1,500 for the opening day last year.

The winning high school's display contained furniture and brickwork made by the boys of the manual training and masonry classes and needle work and cooking samples prepared by the girls of the domestic science classes.

Woodstock Winner
The result of instruction along

practical handicraft lines was evidenced in the Woodstock Agricultural and Training School exhibit which won first place among county schools. The exhibit contained brooms, mops, rugs, canned goods and farm produce.

"The quality of the exhibits exceeds by far that of previous fairs," Dr. L. G. Patterson, secretary of the fair association, said. He has held that office since the establishment of the association 25 years ago.

Today will be observed as Tennessee Day as well as Children's Day. The rodeo will give performances at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A special attraction will be the fireworks tonight. Demonstrations in domestic science will be given at the Woman's Building during the day.

One of the features among the school and club exhibits is a full size painting of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, painted by Butler Mitchell, negro boy of Memphis. The fair will close tomorrow to be observed as Mississippi Day and Farmers' Day.

Attracting considerable interest among the agricultural exhibits is one by John C. Claybrook, negro planter, merchant and lumberman of Claybrook, Ark. The exhibit contains a variety of truck and orchard produce illustrating the need for a live-at-home agricultural program. Claybrook, one of the progressive southern negro farmers, has 1,100 acres of land which he runs by day labor.

Yesterday's main event was the baby show. Today the older children will have their turn, for city and county schools will close so children may attend. More than 20,000 are expected to pass through the turnstiles.

The gates will open at 9 a.m. Admission will be 10 cents for children and 35 cents for adults.

Have Baby Show

Beauty gave way to health yesterday as the criterion by which 30 contestants, aged two months to two years, were judged at the baby show, chief event of the fair's opening.

Scene of the contest was the Woman's Building with Dr. E. M. Wilkins in charge of a corps of physicians. Teeth, eyes, limbs and little bodies were thoroughly gone over. Pulchritude was passed by.

The first three places in order of merit were taken by Lillian Jean Smith, three months, 2517 Park; Wiley Dave Clark, Jr., 11 months, 597 Hampton, and Alfred Busby, one year, 1254 Williams.

In addition to the baby show, the varied handicraft domestic art and agricultural exhibits in the Woman's Building claimed the attention of first day visitors.

On the entertainment side inter-denced in the Woodstock Agricultural and Training School exhibit Hinkle's Rodeo and the music of the Royal Circle Band and the Brown Derby Orchestra.

COLORED FAIR

The Giles County Colored Fair will open Thursday of this week and will be in progress through Saturday evening.

The Colored Fair Association has operated successfully for many years. The fair, owing to the depression, was discontinued after the one in 1931 but this year it is reopening and gives every promise of being bigger and better than ever. The program includes many interesting features and events. All departments, operated heretofore, will be open, and there will be a large variety of amusement features as well.

Covington, La., Leader
September 10, 1935
TO HOLD COLORED FAIR

The Tipton County Colored Fair, sponsored by the Tipton County Training School, L. V. Wells, principal, will be held at the school here October 3, 4 and 5. An unusual array of premiums is being offered and patrons state that the full program, with lists of donors will be available next week. Included in the outdoor entertainment during the fair will be football and baseball games.

Stunt Flier Features State Fair for Negroes

Visitors to the Cumberland Valley Negro Fair, to be held at Cumberland Park Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, will be entertained by Will Lathan, Nashville.

Negro stunt flier, Secretary Ed Isaac has announced. The stunting by Lathan will be only one of the numerous entertainment features booked for the three-day exhibition.

"The Ethiopian," a Negro pageant with 300 voices forming the chorus, will be presented on opening night, to be directed by Dr. W. S. Ellington, Jr. Seats will be provided for white visitors.

NEGROES PLAN FAIR

MURFREESBORO, Tenn., Sept. 8.—(Spl.)—Colored people of Rutherford county are preparing for opening of the colored fair, which will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The fair, according to catalogs which have been issued, will include exhibits of farm, garden and home products. No live stock shows will be held this year.

The second day of the fair, Friday, all school children will be admitted free. The Mohawk Valley carnival shows have been contracted for the event.

Cumberland Valley Negro Fair Opened

Special Attractions Included on Program of Exhibition Being Held Here

Stunt flying by Will Lathan, Negro flier; grading of live stock; opening of approximately fifty school and agricultural exhibits, and acts by Louie Gasser's "thrill riders" will be among the features today of the Cumberland Valley Negro Fair which opened at 9:30 o'clock this morning at Cumberland Park.

J. C. Napier, cashier of the Citizens Savings and Trust Company, and Frankie Pierce, superintendent of the State Vocational School for Negroes, were on the opening program.

Tonight the pageant, "Ethiopia," representing the advance in Negro education during the last sixty years, will be presented with a chorus of 300 voices.

The fair's exhibit list has been filled, and \$1,500 will be given in premiums. Fireworks will be used each night, and a number of free acts will be presented in front of the grand stand at 2 o'clock each afternoon. A live stock parade will be held in the ring in front of the grand stand Saturday afternoon, and the fair will end Saturday night. Farm products and agricultural exhibits from all parts of Tennessee are on display at the fair.

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Texas

A GOOD BEGINNING—

The election of Dr. W. R. Banks, principal of Prairie View State College, as chairman of the committee in charge of arranging for the part which Negroes will take in the Texas Centennial next year is a good beginning. In a thing of this kind very often everything depends upon getting off on the right foot.

In this particular case putting the right man at the head of the affair will give proper setting to all that happens in the future, and will instill confidence among Texas Negroes that whatever the Centennial commission turns over to the Negro committee will be handled honestly and to the best advantage.

I think that Dr. Banks is the right man, and that all Texas should pledge him at once the fullest cooperation.

Negroes To Erect Building At Texas Centennial Fair

DALLAS, Texas. — Gus W. Thomasson, an official of the Texas Centennial, stated at a labor meeting held at St. James A. M. E. church here that the Negro building will be planned by Negro architects and constructed by Negro contractors and workmen, skilled and unskilled.

The Negro will also get his full share of labor on the other buildings. Negro artists and speakers will appear on the programs and full opportunity will be given to exhibit Negro achievement. He said the Negro will have a larger share in this exposition than in any previous one.

Ten thousand Negro school children will sing June 19 and on October 19, the day of the Wiley Prairie View game, the musical organizations of all the Texas Negro colleges will give a grand entertainment. The Negro will be welcome at all times.

NEGRO TO HAVE PART IN TEXAS CENTENNIAL

Gonzales, Tex., Nov. 8.—Inauguration of the Texas Centennial, officially marked by a period of celebration throughout the state, holds special significance for the American Negro. The firing of the first shot in Texas' war for independence, which ultimately was to result in the extension of the boundaries of the United States to the Pacific Ocean, is being commemorated by a series of celebrations.

been set aside for the erection of Negro Life Building. Herein a dramatic display will depict the history of the American Negro showing the part the Negro has played in the economic development of the South.

RACE TO HAVE PART IN TEXAS CENTENNIAL

Colored Citizens of State To Have Part in Brilliant Historical Display

GONZALES, Tex., Nov. 8.—Inauguration of the Texas Centennial, officially marked by a period of celebration throughout the state, holds special significance for the American colored citizen.

The firing of the first shot in Texas' war for independence, which ultimately was a result in the extension of the boundaries of the United States to the Pacific Ocean, is being commemorated by a series of celebrations, which began on Nov. 5 in Gonzales, the scene of the opening event of the war with Mexico. Here, 100 years ago, a band of pioneers and farmers took up arms in defiance of the Mexican government's efforts to deprive the Texans of their republican constitution.

In June, when President Roosevelt will be in Dallas for the official opening of the Texas Centennial Exposition, the race will be given recognition in a World's Fair for the first time. \$50,000.00 has

Texans Give 'Uncle Ro' First Job At 100th Anniversary

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 27.—"Uncle Ro" Adams, perhaps the most widely known Race character of the Southwest, will celebrate his 100th birthday when Texas celebrates its 100 years of independence from Mexico.

Born in Columbus, Ga., March 2, 1836, the day that Texas patriots signed their Declaration of Independence at Washington-on-the-Brazos, he came to Texas when a very young boy.

For years when he was in his 20s, "Ro" was the personal servant of General Sam Houston. When that great Texas leader died in 1863 the Adams family migrated to Freestone County where "Uncle Ro" still lives with his third wife and his oldest daughter, who is 79. He has 17 children and 76 grandchildren, all living.

Through the years he has come to be a beloved character, known through the entire Southwest for his kindness.

Long friendships with many Texas ranchers and businessmen and the coincidence of his birthday with that of Texas Independence has brought him a job with the Texas Centennial Exposition which will open in Dallas June 6, and run to November 29.

Present plans, according to William A. Webb, the exposition manager, are to have him designated as a doorman to one of the largest buildings now under construction in the exposition's \$15,000,000 building program.

Informing "Uncle Ro" of this, Mr. Webb told him:

"We'll see your hours aren't too

"RO" ADAMS

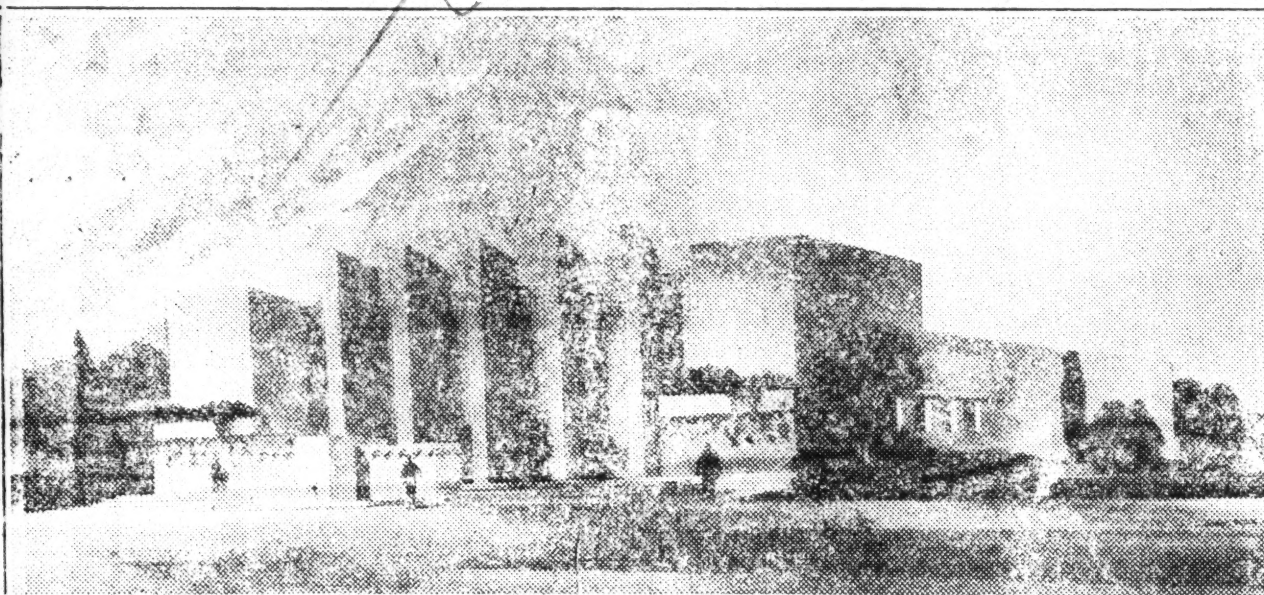
long, Uncle Ro, for we won't want you to get tired."

"Tired?" said Uncle Ro. "I'm not that old. I'll be right there when you open and right there when you close."

The exposition is planning an elaborate program of Race activities, which will center around the \$50,000 Hall of Negro Life and Culture, which will be built by the Federal government and furnished at an additional cost approximately equal to the construction.



Negro Hall of Life and Culture At The Centennial Exposition



DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 3—(ANP)—
The \$50,000 Negro Hall of Life and Culture at the Texas Centennial Exposition which opens in Dallas June 6 is being constructed by the United States government. The exposition which celebrates the one hundredth anniversary of Texas independence, is the first World's Fair to recognize the achievements of the Negro Race by devoting an important section for their benefit.

The building will have 14,000 square feet of floor space. It will contain spacious halls in which exhibitions of Negro art, music, sculpture and education will be staged. There will be an open air forum and stage in the L shaped court which will accommodate 1,500 people. Huge light pylons of modernistic design will bathe the structure in an ever changing glow of color at night. A heroic statue symbolic of the progress of the Negro will stand before its portals.

Leaders of Negro thought in the United States will lecture in this forum during the Exposition period. Collection of Negro exhibits will soon commence for installation in the building which will be completed about May 1. The building was designed by George L. Dahl, Centennial architect and its style is the Classic-Modern. The sum of \$50,000 has been allocated by the Texas Centennial Commission for the gathering and transportation of Negro exhibits.

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Virginia

Suffolk, Va., News-Herald
August 1, 1935

TIDEWATER FAIR OCTOBER 15 - 18

Expect Negro Event to Be Finest Ever Held

The Tidewater Agricultural Fair, known throughout Virginia as the "Negro State Fair", is planning its 26th exposition here October 15-18.

A new emphasis will be placed this year on the work of the 4-H Clubs and vocational agricultural clubs in Nansemond and nearby counties. The second day of the fair will be devoted to the clubs in an effort to focus attention on the training for scientific farming offered through club work.

The three Suffolk banks have offered prizes for contests among the 600 club members in Nansemond county. The best 4-H club exhibit will win \$15 offered by the National Bank of Suffolk; \$15 is offered for the best Smith-Hughes vocational agricultural exhibit by Farmers Bank of Nansemond; and the American Bank and Trust company is offering \$15 for winners in the club songs and yells contest.

A long-time feature of the fair will be an introductory speaking program each day. Among the leaders of the race to address the fair throngs during the week are John M. Gandy, president Virginia state college for negroes at Petersburg, Dr. Robert P. Daniels, president Virginia state teachers association and dean of education, Virginia union university; John T. Charity, of the state extension department and other agricultural leaders.

C. W. Luke, president Nansemond county convention, will make the opening address of welcome.

Horse racing will not be neglected this year, H. C. Holmen, racing secretary, reports. Holmen promises to have the best horses in Virginia owned by Negroes participating in the harness events which will be run at 2 p. m. daily during the fair.

The Tidewater Fair association has two new officers this year. P.

E. Winfield succeeds T. L. G. Walden as president and L. L. Reid succeeds Robert Williams as treasurer. W. H. Crocker continues as secretary.

APPOINT NEGRO TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE

The Florida Tuberculosis & Health Association recently took a very important step in the public health situation of the state when it appointed a negro tuberculosis committee, comprised of outstanding men and women of their race.

Tuberculosis takes a heavy toll among the negroes of the state. During 1934 there were 1,039 deaths in Florida due to tuberculosis and of this number 641 or 61 per cent were negroes.

Due to our large colored population it is very important that an educational program be carried on. The newly appointed committee will work with doctors, nurses, teachers and social workers, with particular attention to the schools, where the latest information on tuberculosis will be stressed in an effort to help check the prevalence of this dread disease.—(FNS).